

**John Stanwix to George Washington, July 18, 1757,
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FROM COLONEL STANWIX.

CAMP NEAR CARLISLE July 18th. 1757

DEAR SIR —

a Cherokee Indian is just arrived here & has put the ten Indians waiting at this place for presents from this Collony into very ill humour, by telling them that their Brothers have been put into Prison at Winchester,¹ so that it [was] with the Greatest difficulty I could prevail with them to stay till this afternoon to take with them to our Fort Loudoun² £400 worth of presents to be there distributed after they joyn, but these Cherokees have insisted upon their interpreter Mr. Smith going off directly to you to know the worst and have given them the strongest assurances (Wch I am sure I could do with great safety) that you will do them the greatest justice, and if any mistake has happened that you will make them the most ample satisfaction as Mr. Smith their interpreter & the bearer of this is press'd much by the Indians to set off it prevents my saying any more than that I am with great truth

Sir Your most obedt humble Servt JOHN STANWIX

1 Some Cherokees having come into Winchester and been unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves, Mr. Atkin had demanded their arrest as spies, notwithstanding Washington's representation of the consequences of such hostile action. Some difficulty was experienced in persuading the rest of the Cherokees that it was a mistake, and retaining the friendship of this important tribe.

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2 In Pennsylvania.